

# **NEWSLETTER UPDATE**

Associate Principal



Dear Stantonbury families,

Where does time go? Our first term of the new academic year is now complete. It has been a very long but very successful first term and your child must be exhausted; I know the staff certainly are. I would like to thank all our students for having engaged so positively in lessons and around the school, our children are starting to live our school values of **Respect**, **Responsibility** and **Resilience**. In the vast majority our children are valuing differences, treating others as they wish to be treated, trying their best and being prepared. We still have lots of work to do but the improvements made are noticeable.

### AIB 30th September 2022 meeting

Our first AIB meeting of the academic year was to reflect on the overall performance of the school against the strategic objectives agreed last year. It is clear that Stantonbury School is making real progress and it was heartening to look forward to 2022/23 and this year's strategic objectives contained in the school improvement plan. We reviewed, and discussed, a number of areas including aspects of staffing, curriculum, behaviour and attendance and Post 16 changes. We reviewed the progress that had been made so far to improve areas such as classroom routines, behaviour management, quality of teaching and safeguarding. We acknowledged the improvements achieved thus far and the Board and senior leaders agreed that our collective aim was for the pace of further improvements to be accelerated this academic year. We discussed the reasonable changes to the entry criteria for entrance to Post 16 study and also changes to the Post 16 curriculum offer. We agreed that communication of these changes to parents could have been better. We discussed the improvements being secured in teaching and learning and, in particular, the developments across curriculum understanding and delivery. Mr Parker and Mr Wilson are adapting the school improvement plan for this year to accommodate the discussion points of this meeting, and this will be shared with you at the earliest opportunity.

I am delighted to Chair the Stantonbury School Academy Improvement Board and with fellow AIB members, we look forward to supporting school leaders, all staff, students and their families on this journey of continuous improvement.

Best wishes

Linda Brooks, Chair of Stantonbury School AIB

## **Stantonbury Experience**

In the space of only 7 weeks, we have also been able to run 4 trips, with a further 8 planned, 32 enrichment clubs are up and running and we have competed in 25 sports fixtures as well as running

a whole school cross country competition. Please thank you child for their support and efforts so far in promoting our Stantonbury Experience.

#### St. Marks Meals

St Marks Meals Boxes are stored in more than 70 schools, children's centres and community hubs across Milton Keynes. As soon as a teacher or other professional realises that a child will not eat dinner that night, they can invite a family to choose from a selection of delicious dinner options, and if they need dinner again tomorrow night, they can because no child should go to bed hungry.

## **Uniform Amnesty**

Since July we have been collecting and recycling uniforms to support students that have grown out of the uniform or have left our school. If your child has any uniform that is in good condition, please can they give it to Mrs Farley or leave by main reception.

#### **School Food Bank**

With the help of our two local community superheroes Deborah and Felicity we have managed to start a small food bank to support families. If you want to make a donation, please can you leave it in the main reception or ask your child to hand it to Mrs Farley in Monks 1.

Over ½ term our pastoral teams will be making home visits and will be able to make a drop off in the local area to families in need.

Finally remember we have a training day on tomorrow Friday 21st October and the school will be closed for our students.

Have a wonderful break and we are looking forward to seeing your child back in school on Monday 31st October.

Kind regards

Mr Wilson - Associate Principal